

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-28 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-16 and 18-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Board found the term "about" in claims 1 and 18 indefinite. Applicants note that case law has repeatedly found the term "about" to be acceptable claim language and that it should be read in view of the overall specification and prosecution history. Thus, Applicants disagree with the Board's analysis of the term "about." However, in an effort to further prosecution of the instant application, the term "about" has been deleted from independent claims 1 and 18.

For at least these reasons, Applicants believe that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants believe that the rejection has been overcome and that the claims of the subject application are now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge the required fees to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,



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